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EDITORIAL OPINION

AMERICA'S NEW "MAIN STREET"

(Kansas City Star)

Sinclair Lewis would never recognize America's new "Main Street." For a large part of the country it is still a dream, but it is spreading out at a rapid rate with the super-routes we call turnpikes. Instead of serving as the Main Street of a town, these arteries are on the way to becoming the Main Street of a nation.

In New York state this week another fifty-seven miles of their great new Thruway have been opened. Motorists now can drive 172 miles from Williamsville (a suburb of Buffalo) east to Lowell and within a year they will be able to continue 427 miles to New York City.

And more is to come. Within four years spurs will link the New York Thruway with most of the other toll roads of the East—the New Jersey turnpike, the Garden State parkway and the projected New England and Massachusetts systems. In all, it will be the longest toll highway in the world.

Throughout history, business and industry traditionally have followed the great lanes of travel. Two thousand years ago it was the Appian Way to Rome. Early in American history commerce followed the Appalachian trail over the mountains and then the Erie canal. Later the trails were the railroads and in our time the air lanes.

Now the nation is getting the turnpikes. New York state started slow compared to its neighbors, but it is catching up fast. Missouri at present is far behind its neighbors (Kansas, Oklahoma, and Illinois). But, as was the case with New York, there's still time to catch up. With its rail, air and river traffic, Kansas City has been squarely on Main Street for a century. This is no time to get pushed off to the side.

AN ESSENTIAL SUBJECT

(The New York Times)

Every person familiar with the history of scientific and technological progress knows well that mathematics stands at the foundation of modern industrial civilization. Modern engineering would be impossible without such basic tools as the calculus and the theory of infinite series. The theory of probability is indispensable in fields as far removed from each other as insurance and the testing of new life-saving medicines. Men explore the atomic nucleus and the farthest reaches of space both with the help of tensor analysis and related modern mathematical theories. In truth mathematics is the queen of the sciences, the name often given it.

Against this background the high significance of the opening in Amsterdam this week-end of the International Congress of Mathematicians is clear. The 2,000 mathematicians there assembled will explore the current state of that field, describe their latest findings and exchange ideas in a cross-fertilization process which should have important influence on future discoveries.

Yet at the same time any candid survey of our domestic scene soon finds that while mathematics becomes ever more important in our complex society, the teaching of mathematics is being ever more neglected. The current issue of The Reporter magazine notes that the decline in the teaching of high school mathematics is such that many universities now "complain that freshmen even of the highest quality frequently have had so little preparatory mathematics that science as a career is closed to them before they can make up their minds."

This is a dangerous istuation from the point of view of our future scientific and technological progress and a grievous situation from the point of view of our cultural future. Great damage has been done by the old myth that mathematics is "unimportant," "impractical," and "too hard." School officials who have this country's welfare at heart will do well to ponder and act upon the danger of the trend toward making [illegible] of mathematical ignorance when our use of mathematics is great- [illegible] before in history.

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PROGRESS AGAINST TB

(Winchester Star)

Impressive evidence of the progress being made in conquering tuberculosis—one of the most deadly diseases not many years ago— is provided by Chicago's Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium. For the first time in many years the institution has no waiting list of applicants for admission, Dr. Ernest E. Irons, its head, reports.

Waiting lists of several hundred persons have been normal in the past. As recently as January 1, 1953 the waiting list numbered 602.

Deaths from the disease have also declined rapidly in recent years at the institution, numbering only 5.6 per cent of the total number of patients last year. In 1946 the figure was 29 per cent. The relapse rate among former patients also has declined markedly, Dr. Irons reports.

Progress in combating the disease indicated in these figures is attributed by Dr. Irons to new drugs, better surgery, more hospital beds, outpatient clinics and especially X-ray programs for detecting cases in their initial stages.

Tuberculosis ceased to be a scourge some years ago and that the number of victims continues to decline steadily is additional proof of the never-ending advancement of medical science.

OKLAHOMA!

(Providence Evening Bulletin)

Hollywood's high handed attitude toward the State of Oklahoma is a rancorous issue that has been carried to the floor of Congress where everything rancorous seems to end up these days.

Hollywood has announced that its film version of the celebrated Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" will be shot in Arizona, because Oklahoma doesn't look like Oklahoma and therefore is not an appropriate setting for the movie.

This promptly led Representative Victor Wickersham of Oklahoma to give vent on the floor of the House to a bitter denunciation. Oklahoma he declared, not only looks like Oklahoma, but it looks twice as much that way as any other state, particularly Arizona.

It has, he declared, plenty of land that hasn't been touched since 1907 the year with which the play "Oklahoma!" is concerned. It even has corn "as high as an elephant's eye," to quote a famous song from the musical.

Our sympathies are all with Representative Wickersham. If Oklahoma doesn't look like Oklahoma, what on earth does it look like?

MAO PROPOSES ATTLEE BECOME A JUDAS GOAT

(The Albany Knickerbocker News)

As the Iron Curtain junket of Clement Attless, Aneurian Bevan and their associates of the British Labor Party proceeds, the complexion of the whole affair becomes more and more astounding. The combination of patronizing back-slaps and what amounts to blackmail threats to which they are being subjected surely forecasts a day of reckoning when they return home and are free to report the truth about what they saw and heard and how it affected them.

What will that report be, particularly in connection with the brazen proposition made to them by the chief of the Red Chinese state, Mao-Tse-tung, that Britain quit its ties with the United States? The price is Red China's friendship.

Mao proposes, first that the Labor Party leader arrange a British policy that would call for the withdrawal of the U. S. Seventh Fleet from Formosa; second, a demand for halting Japanese rearmament; third, a demand for an end to rearming West Germany. This, which Mao has the effrontery to call a "reasonable policy," could not have escaped the visitors as the insult it was, which, phrased in realistic language, was a simple offer of bribery, payable on condition that Attlee and his party play the role of the Judus goat and set up the United States for what is colorfully termed in the best American slang, a sucker punch.

Mao says this sort of deal would promote "world peace." We agree with him it might, but the words on the monument to this achievement would read: "Resquiescat in Pace."

There is hopeful evidence that Britains will have some free-world views to express if these travelers fail to vindicate themselves upon their return. One is among them, Sam Watson, who had the courage during the Mao talk to attack some of the spectacles he had seen, demanding to know why political commissars instead of labor men head factories, mills and mines. He received a double talk answer from Mao. Another is J. M. Mullens, Australian Labor Party member, who likened Attlee to the Greek politician who drank wine with Philip of Macedon while Philip's armies stood before Athens. And Lord Vansittart former British undersecretary for foreign affairs, has compared the junket to Neville Chamberlain's trip to Munich.

But we must wait upon these Marco Polos-in-reverse to discover whether their eyes are clear with truth, or their minds clouded with th poison of tyranny.

FOR ADEQUATE DEFENSE

(The Kansas City Star)

The nation's defense establishment as it now operates at an annual costs in excess of 40 billion dollars is largely the product of the last four years. It was shortly after we entered the Korean war, a relatively minor conflict, that we made the shocking discovery of our unpreparedness. Since that time the armed forces have been built up to a remarkable degree.

While the building job is not finished it will become chiefly a problem of maintenance in something like another three years. In that period it will not represent a continued increase, if any at all, in the total armed forces personnel. That total in fact has been reduced somewhat in the last year. But it now stands at 3,200,000 and the assistant secretary of defense, Fred A. Seaton, tells the American Veterans of World War II at Miami Beach that the figure is equal to the combined population of four states — North and South Dakota, Colorado and Montana.

To give a further idea of the progress this country has made in the building of its armed forces might the defense official says the expenditures in the last year amounted to more than three and one half times the net farm income of the nation.

So it isn't a steady increase in the over-all size or cost of the military establishment that will be the objective in future years. It will be rather the strengthening of each unit at any point that demands such an operation. Also it will be reshaping of the relative strength of each branch of the service as conditions demand, with emphasis on the air force.

On any basis it is a long time proposition for we are not going to let our defene decline as they have been allowed to decline at many times in the past, especially in the years that followed World War II. But while essential power will be maintained the outlays can be governed by good management and in accordance with the need of a strong economy which in reality is the nation's first line of defense.

JAYWALKERS

(Charlottesville Daily Progress)

An observer stood at Fourth and Main Sts., east, for five minutes (1:45-1:50 P. M.) Monday and counted 56 persons who crossed Main Street AGAINST THE GREEN LIGHT. During the same period, three persons crossed the street between intersections.

Are any of you who cross busy streets against the green light or between intersections even casually interested in living a little longer and of keeping your body reasonably intact—for burial purposes, if for no other?

If so, you will live longer and keep your chassis all of a piece by stopping this hazardous practice.

THE MESS IN EUROPE

(The Hartford Times)

Whatever the cause, France is messing up the Western Alliance, and creating a problem that has already resulted in a movement for an eight-power conference to consider how West Germany should be integrated into a European Army. This speedy action may have had an effect on France, since its opposition to EDC is basely largely on objection to the rearming of West Germany. It certainly served notice on both France and Russia that the European Army, including Germany, would come whether France joined or not.

But trouble is stirring in West Germany, too long, where neutralists and nationalists oppose Chancellor Adenauer's pro-EDC policy. The neutralists prefer to negotiate with the Kremlin for unification of a neutralized, permanently disarmed Germany and demand a "last chance" conference with the Soviet Union. The nationalists prefer an independent, sovereign Germany, strongly armed, and with recapture of former German territory, now held by Poland as one of its goals. Russia certainly does not intend to give up its uranium and other riches in East Germany in any unification plan or to make a new Germany strong enough to threaten it on the military field again.

If France finally turns its back on EDC, and also refuses to abandon its zone of occupation in West Germany so as to clear the field for West German sovereignty, it can slow up German rearming and the integration of that county into an European army. The eight-nation conference is being proposed to meet that problem.

THINGS ONE REMEMBERS

By R. M. Hofer

I recently had occasion to be in a Western town 75 miles removed from a through state highway. In other words, to get to this town of a few hundred population you had to drive 75 miles to the "end of the road"..150 miles round trip. The residents were happy and proud of their community and of their production of livestock, grains, and dairy products. They had blessings of space, 10,000 foot mountains, lakes and rivers.

In addition they had two things which put their country on the map. They had a fine little newspaper containing the advertisements of local and national firms, offering the community a choice of products and every modern convenience. And they had a railroad, with daily service to a trans-continental line.

Probably most of the residents didn't give much thought to what this meant, for they had grown up with it. When the sawmill wanted ten cars to ship its product to any point in the United States, it got them; the same with cattlemen. The long hard drives of stock across country were something for storybooks.

Here was a town at the end of the road where the people had a reliable transportation outlet to any point in the United States; and they were in touch with the happenings and the products of the country through an up-to-date newspaper. It is hard to imagine how isolated this frontier town would be without its railroad and its newspaper.

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Now is the time to consider every portion of your farm and make future plans so as to derive the greatest money value return per acre per year. Those abandoned fields that long since have failed to support themselves should be considered as ideal locations to plant pine seedlings. Trees can be thought of as money in a bank that continues to grow interest in the form of wood. Under good management woodlands can provide an income each year for generations to come, and at the same time the trees will protect and improve the soil, prevent erosion and floods, and in gneral make our country a better place to live in.

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Demonstration Club Schedule

Making drapes and window treatment will be the subject for demonstration at meetings of Appomattox County Home Demonstration Clubs next week. The schedule:

Monday, Sept. 13.- The Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. J. Mott Harvey. Mrs. Ryland Staples and Mrs. Kermit Paulette will give the demonstration.

Tuesday, Sept. 14.- Mr. F. H. Scott, Extension Horticulturist, V. P. I., will be here to score the fall gardens of 4-H Club girls.

Tuesday, Sept. 14.- Clover Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Jacob Lewis, with Mrs. Bessie Trent as co-hostess. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. T. M. Richardson and Mrs. Trent.

Tuesday, Sept. 14.- The Appomattox Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. J. E. Jamerson. Mrs. Robert Hubbard and Mrs. S. S. Shouse will give the demonstration. Note change in date of meeting.

Wednesday, Sept. 15.- Wreck Island Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. E. W. Carson. Miss Kate Davidson will give the demonstration.

Wednesday, Sept. 15.- The Trinity Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. H. R. Moore. Mrs. Aubrey Moore will give the demonstration. Note change in date of meeting.

Friday, Sept. 17.- County Home Demonstration Committee will meet at 10:00 A. M. at the office of the home agent to plan 1955 county-wide home demonstration program. Miss Lucy Blake, Extension District Agent, Central Virginia, will assist the group in program planning. The county committee is composed of home demonstration club presidents, program development leaders or club secretaries. This is one of the most important meetings of the year, and 100% attendance of club representatives is urged by the home agent. Mrs. R. K. Martin, county chairman, will preside.

VA. ANGUS FEEDER CALVES TOP AT OHIO STATE FAIR

A carload of 20 feed steers from Culpeper County and Rappahannock County, Virginia, took top honors in the carload lot of feeder calves, the first class of its kind to be held in connection with the Ohio State Fair. These calves were handled and exhibited by the Virginia Beef Cattle Producers Association.

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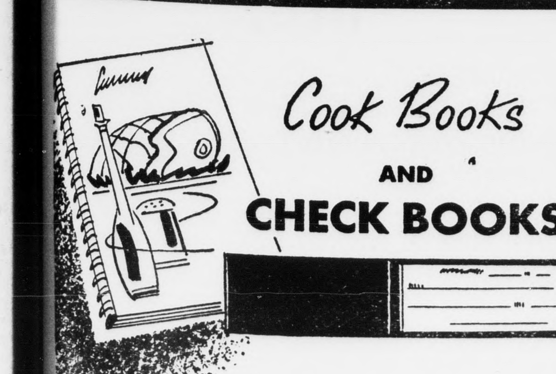

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STATE TAX LAW CHANGE INDICATED

Some changes in Virginia state income tax laws to parallel revisions in federal tax law made at the last session of Congress, probably will be proposed at the next session of the Virginia General Assembly.

This project—though it involves only minor adjustments—has been raised in comment from the state's top tax expert, Tax Commissioner C. H. Morrisett, as well as by the Assembly's own action in the past.

Morrissett stopped short of saying he would recommend any change but he told a reporter he thought Virginia ought to consider changing those sections of state law that in the past have been designed to parallel federal tax law.

There, he added, are comparatively few. Virginia is not like some states which have income tax laws geared closely to the federal laws.

Morrissett noted that the net effect of the federal tax revisions is to decrease revenues.

The 1950 General Assembly made several changes in the state income tax law on deductions, and the purpose was to duplicate federal statutes.

One of these was to permit deductions of heavy medical expenses above 5 per cent of income. The new federal bill reduces this to three per cent, thus allowing larger deductions.

On another question raised by a reporter—what would happen to other Virginia tax laws if the Assembly decided to pass a sales tax? —Morrissett declined to speculate. It seems certain, however, that the enactment of a general sales tax would be accompanied by reductions in existing taxes on individual incomes and on merchant's licenses. All the sales tax bills introduced in recent Assembly sessions have contemplated such reductions.

BEEF BUYS

An abundance of beef will be coming to market from now on through the fall, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Lean beef from the grassfed cattle that go to market in largest numbers at this season will be most plentiful. This fall record numbers of grassfed beef animals may be marketed because the beef cattle population is unusually large.

Beef is big news this year for many reasons. At the beginning of the year, in January, 1954, the country had 96 million head—more than ever before. Over 39 million beef animals are expected to be marketed during 1954 compared to 37 million in 1953 and 26 million in 1951.

With so much beef for sale, beef-eating probably will increase this year. The 1953 record consumption, averaging about 76½ pounds per person, is expected to reach a new high of 78 pounds per person this year.

Already markets have plentiful supplies of medium and lower priced cuts of beef and larger quantities are expected during September. This should be cheerful news especially for the family on a food budget. Such beef may make excellent stews, casseroles and meat pies also hamburgers or other ground meat dishes. The lean less expensive cuts are just as nutritious as more expensive beef and can be just as tender as more expensive beef and attractive if properly cooked.

The big secret of making such beef tender is long, slow, moist cooking. Braising —this is, first browning in fat and then cooking slowly with moisture—makes for fine flavor, attractive brown color and tenderness. The less tender beef may also be cooked successfully under pressure, in a much shorter time.

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EARWORMS, BEETLES DAMAGING CORN

Extensive damage to field corn on Virginia's Eastern Shore is being blamed on corn earworms and sap beetles.

Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist at VPI, reports that almost every ear of corn is being damaged by the two insects.

Fall armyworms are light in the corn fields so far, but they and regular armyworms are heavy in late sweet corn. The infestations of earworms and the two armyworms are expected to spread to peppers, snap beans, lima beans, pickles, and soybeans in the entire area of southeastern Virginia.

Various species of aphids are expected to become numerous on various truck crops in the same area.

CHILE SAUCE GOOD USE FOR TOMATO SUPPLY

Put up some chili sauce while tomatoes are in season, remind VPI food specialists.

You'll need: 5 quarts chopped ripe tomatoes, 2 cups chopped red pepper, 1½ cups chopped onion, 3 tablespoons salt, 1 cup sugar, 3 cups vinegar, 1 teaspoon cloves, 1 teaspoon allspice, and teaspoon cinnamon.

Combine the chopped vegetables, salt, add sugar, and simmer the mixture until it begins to thicken. Add vinegar and spices and cook the mixture down until it becomes a thick sauce. Pour into hot sterilized jars, seal and process below boiling (160 d.F.) for 15 minutes. Recipe gives about 3 quarts of sauce.

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